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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

For example, the average plasma concentrations observed after tail vein injection of 0.1 mmol/kg of Gd¹⁵³-labeled Gd-DTPA in two rats, is shown below. Uusing the Macintosh program KaleidaGraph, this AUC-conc. from 0 to 10 minutes was calculated as 3.5 mM min.

Please delete the figure on page 21.